

MILLICAN NAMED CAPTAIN OF QUINT

Letter Men at Randolph-Macon Elect Leader for Next Year.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Ashland, Va., March 29.—The men who won their letters this year in basketball met and elected A. S. Millican captain for next year. This is the second year in which he has been elected. He is a senior in college and has been playing basketball for two years. He is a member of the Randolph-Macon team and a member of the West Virginia team. The men to receive their letters were W. E. Jordan (captain), A. S. Millican (man-ager), Roscoe Walker, Frank M. Wray, C. K. Brown, J. M. Green and C. M. Wood-bridge.

The athletic board elected Walker to succeed Millican as manager, and C. K. Brown to succeed him.

Next year the prospects are for a still better team, as Captain Jordan, who gradu-ates in June, is the only man not coming back. The team this year won six out of nine games.

Dr. I. F. Day, who is the faculty member of the athletic board and vice-president of the Virginia Intercollegiate League, left Ashland, with Mrs. Day, bound for New York City. They will take a steamer for the Holy Land. Dr. Day's services on the board will be greatly missed, as he has been in all the athletics of the college and has worked for the association.

Baseball practice has been suspended at the college, and the Yellow Jackets will not play until after Easter, when they will take a trip to North Carolina, playing Trinity, Wake Forest, Guilford and University of North Carolina.

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—"The Tales of Hoffman," matinee; "Lucia di Lammermoor," night.

But—"The Traveling Salesman," matinee and night.

Academy of Music.

Aborn English Grand Opera Company in Puccini's "MADAM BUTTERFLY."

Cho-San in Three Acts.

Cho-San (Madam Butterfly).... Jane Abercrombie Suzuki, Madam Butterfly's Servant... Elaine De Sellem Lieutenant B. F. Pinkerton, U. S. N. N. Sharpless, U. S. Consul at Nagasaki... Louis Kreidler Goro, a Marriage Broker... Phillip Fain Prince Yamadori, a Suitor to Cho-San... William Schuster The Bonze, her Uncle... William Schuster Yakuside... Jack O'Neil The Imperial Commissioner... Arthur Green The Official Registrar... Benedict Reuben Kate Pinkerton... Zoe Fulton Mother of Cho-San... Elizabeth Ranney The Cousin... Estelle Wahl The Aunt... Elsa Silverling Cho-San's Relatives and Friends, Servants, etc.

Conductor... Carlo Nicotia

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ACT II.—Interior of Madam Butterfly's house.

Time.—The Present.

Place.—Nagasaki, Japan.

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The evidence, abundant and con-vincing, was forthcoming. From the

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moment that the orchestra of eight-musicians, under the very able baton of Carlo Nicotia, began the short over-ture, to the final curtain on one of the most tragic and pitiful scenes in all opera, there was little to criticize adversely, and much to admire and praise. To have done at once with unfavorable comment; it was disap-pointing to the audience and doubt-less added to the difficulty of the try-ing role of Butterfly that there was some reason to implore the little Japanese child. This was explained by the management afterwards as having been caused by an accident im-possible to have foreseen and pre-vented, so that this defect was a mis-fortune rather than a fault.

John Luther Long's story, as drama-tized by David Belasco, is so well known that it is unnecessary to dwell upon the tragedy and pathos of its simple plot. The story of the Japan-ese maiden who marries, according to the customs of her country, a thoughtless, impassioned American naval officer, who sails away from the land of love and butterflies, and comes back to find his little son sitting by the side of the mother, dead by her own hand, may be told in half a dozen lines. But of Puccini's music to the sad little tale, a book might be writ-ten.

Abounding in thematic movement, orchestrated in striking and unusual manner, with intervals which were difficult for the voice, suggestive both of the Orient and of the Occident, it yet contains melodies so beautiful that they come back and sing them-selves to one, although often elusively because of their delicacy and weird-ness. And this quality of lingering and recurrent melody is not confined to the voice parts. Not only does one vaguely recall the tenor solo in the first act, beginning "The whole world over," the almost sublime duet be-tween Pinkerton and Butterfly at the end of that act (one of the most ex-quisite songs of passion ever written), the tender crooning of Butterfly over her child the famous "Flower Duet" between Butterfly and her maid, Suzuki, and the splendid tenor aria just before the exit of this column begins the corrected cast.

Leonard Samloff sang the role of Pinkerton with a great deal of power and ringing vigor. His very high notes, and his delivery were delivered with much clearness and with abso-lute accuracy of pitch, with his very soft tones were neither falsetto nor "breathy," but pure soft tones. He was particularly effective in the won-derful duet at the end of the second act and in his exit aria in the third.

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Morton Adkins played the part of the tenor, Sharpless, with a great deal of quiet dignity, and sang in good voice, as well as in a musically style. His voice is richer in its lower regis-ter, though he reached the upper F natural with certainty and apparent ease. It was peculiarly pleasing to see this singer go through the whole opera with hardly a glance at the con-ductor. Philip Fein extracted from the bit of Goro such comedy as lies in the part, and sang it well, produc-ing more volume on the lower notes than most singers are able to exhibit in that register. Elaine De Sellem sang Suzuki in a voice of unusual range and much beauty of quality. She ran away down below the treble clef in a round, full tone, scaled up with that ivory-like quality of the pure mezzo-contralto, and sang the notes above the clef with the same purity and freedom from forcing.

But to a very great extent it is upon the shoulders of the woman who sings Butterfly that the success of the opera rests. Butterfly is on the stage al-most every moment, and she is sing-ing practically all the time, so that the role requires a woman who can not only sing well, but sing well for two hours and a half, with very brief and infrequent intermissions. Many cures were made in the score, the op-erations, no doubt, particularly in the first act—but there remained an exceedingly exacting role, almost ter-rific in its demands upon the singer, and Jane Abercrombie filled every de-mand, every requirement.

Miss Abercrombie's voice is not that of the big, dramatic soprano, but it is flexible, perfectly placed, easily pro-duced, as was seen by her abundance of breath, and of a rare beauty of quality. Possibly because she has to sing again to-day, she wisely refrained from sky-rocking to the high notes of the score, and sang the opus-cles a half-tone or so below, but with a soft sweetness that pervaded the lower F's and F's which occur in such long sequences in the score with a roundness and carrying power that must have made the heart of many a soprano ache with envy.

Altogether, the performance was of so high a degree of excellence that it made me, personally, rejoice that there will be more opportunities to-day to hear this company.

"The Tales of Hoffman" will be sung this afternoon, with practically the same principals as those of last night's cast, and "Lucia di Lammermoor" to-night, with Domenico Russo as leading tenor and Edith Helena in the famous soprano role.

W. Douglas Gordon.

NINE FEET ABOVE NORMAL.

Jackson River at Clifton Forge Higher Than at Any Time This Year.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Clifton Forge, Va., March 29.—The Jackson River, one of the two main feeders of the James, showed a high-water mark at this point to-night at 10:30 o'clock of thirteen feet ten inches, which is nine feet above normal. The amount of timber and debris coming down the stream indicates that it is still rising. The water is far above any point it has been this year, and the point it does not affect any local enterprise. It will almost certainly cause trouble below here. The heavy rains have caused much trouble to the Chesapeake and Ohio in the movement of their trains, and nothing but the local trains have been running anywhere near on time.

Slides have been reported all along the line, both east and west, and all trains are expected cautiously, caus-ing considerable delay in each case.

HELD IN A FLORIDA JAIL.

Son of Abingdon Business Man Charged With Robbery and Murder.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Bristol, Va., March 29.—Chas. Scott, twenty-three years old, and a son of H. H. Scott, who is proprietor of Ho-tel Belmont at Abingdon, and a wealthy citizen of that town, is in jail at Ti-luville, Fla., charged with robbery and murder. His mother, Mary E. Scott, and the father of the young man have gone to Titusville.

Bail has been refused and a hear-ing will be given the young man next Wednesday. His mother recently bought a ten-acre orange grove at Ti-luville and gave it to him.

He was raised in Abingdon, stood well there, and the news was a shock to the family, which is one of the most prominent in Southwest Virginia.

Clay Covers Tracks.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Blue Ridge, Va., March 29.—Many tons of yellow clay slipped from the north bank and covered the west-bound tracks on the Norfolk and West-ern Railway line for several feet. The slide was caused by a severe rain-storm early this morning. R. L. Bowler, roadmaster, with his usual promptness brought the section forces from Monticello and Bonks to unite with the section force here, and soon cleared track. By use of the east-bound track the movement of trains was not delayed.

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PITCHED BATTLE IN SCHOOL-YARD

Asheville, N. C., March 29.—Lee Wells was killed and Waldo McCracken was mortally wounded in a pitched battle waged in a schoolhouse yard to-night at Clyde, fifteen miles from this city. McCracken was wounded after being de-pictized by Robinson Rogers, a town constable, to assist him (Rogers) in the arrest of Wells, who, it is said, had been drinking heavily and had ridden in from Canton to "clean up the town."

Wells opened fire on McCracken, the deputy responded by firing three shots at Wells. Despite his wounds, McCracken fired again at Wells, the last bullet passing through the lat-ter's heart and causing instant death. While the battle outside the school-house was being held within, none of the audience having any knowledge of the tragedy.

WILL MEET NEXT IN RALEIGH.

Final Session of Woman's State Mis-sionary Union.

Raleigh, N. C., March 29.—At Mon-roe, N. C. to-night the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the North Carolina Woman's State Missionary Union closed with the selection of Raleigh as the next place of meeting on March 27, 1913, and the election of the following officers, after Dr. Williamson, of Rich-mond, had delivered a powerful sermon on foreign missions.

President, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. E. Mason, of Charlotte; Second Vice-President, Mrs. D. A. Covington, of Monroe; Third Vice-President, Mrs. E. W. Stone, of Elizabeth City; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Turner, of Greensboro; Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. J. M. McMannaway, of Waynesville; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Blanche Burrus, of Raleigh; Recording Secre-tary, Mrs. S. Farmer, of Raleigh; Treasurer, Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh; Secretary, W. W. A. Miss El-len Graham, of Raleigh; Leader of Sun-beams, Miss Elizabeth Briggs, of Raleigh; Editor, Mrs. Hight C. Moore, of Raleigh; Central committee—Mrs. J. R. Harper, Mrs. J. H. King, Mrs. T. H. Brace, N. B. Broughton, C. E. Maddrey and W. F. Marshall.

The president continued all the other committees by unanimous con-sent of the union. Miss Heck has been president of the organization since its foundation, twenty-five years ago. Her reports showed that \$24,000 were raised last year, and \$27,000 was fixed as the goal to be raised by the union of North Carolina during the ensuing year.

BOY KILLED IN BARN.

Structure Demolished by Cyclone—An- other Lad Injured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Goldboro, N. C., March 29.—The cy-clonic storm that broke over this city and section this morning was fatal in the Patetown section. Two little boys, fourteen and eleven years old, respec-tively, brothers and the sons of Mrs. Fanny Woodson, a widow, living with her father, Mr. Cuttrell, near Patetown, in Stony Creek township, this county, took shelter in their grand-father's barn to play while the storm was on, and while there a sudden cy-clone wind passed, demolishing the barn and killing the older boy and so-berously injuring the younger, breaking one of his legs in two places.

Other great property damage was done in the wake of this wind.

\$75,000 FINE AT GREENVILLE.

Mumford Dry Goods Store Destroyed and Other Buildings Damaged.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, N. C., March 29.—News reached this city to-day of a destruc-

LIST OF PLAYERS SIGNED BY BUSCH

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Petersburg, Va., March 29.—The fol-lowing is a complete list of the players who have reported for practice and from which list Manager Busch will select his team for the coming season: Pitchers—Edna Lawrence, William Bender, Earle Brunson, Joseph Hodge, Verna Hughes, John Cejke, James Winstead, Guy Leidig, Dick Pritchard, Larry Hannifan; Catchers—Samuel Brannagan, Charles Wolf, Joseph Laugh-lin and Harry Selva; Shortstop and Manager, Helne Busch; First Basemen—John Caraly and J. G. Burnett; Sec-ond Basemen—Frank McDonald, Chas. Speglar, Lester Hawthorne; Third Basemen—Lester Simmons, William Howdwell; Outfielders—Charles Pol-land, Jack Anthony, Benjamin Spencer, Earle Braly and Carroll Taylor.

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WILL SECURE DEMONSTRATOR TO AID BOYS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Williamsburg, Va., March 29.—York is another of the Peninsula counties that will have a boy's covey club this year, the Board of Supervisors having made the appropriation necessary to secure the services of a demonstrator. The board, which has four members, was a tie on the vote for the approp-riation, the Commonwealth's attorney having been called in to cast the de-ciding vote.

F. S. Farrar, of Jetersville, assist-ant State demonstrator for this dis-trict, was here to-day to confer with Henley H. Hubbard, who has been ap-pointed demonstrator for York, James City and York are the only Peninsula counties thus far making the appro-priation for a demonstrator, but it is understood that Charles City will do so if a demonstrator can be found in that county.

The New Kent county Board of Su-pervisors has decided to act with Hen-rico county in the erection of a steel and concrete bridge across the Chicka-hominy to take the place of the old Bottom Bridge, recently washed away by a flood. This bridge is on the Pe-ninsula sand-clay road, which is much used by autoists.

Joseph Collier has sold his 120-acre farm in Stonehouse District, James City county, to James E. Farthing for \$2,000 cash. Mr. Farthing recently sold his interest in the late estate of his father, John Collier, to the same county to his brothers, Robert and Fred.

FOUND DROWNED IN WELL.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Port Haywood, March 29.—J. H. Hunley, a prominent citizen of Car-olina, was found drowned in his well yesterday afternoon. About an hour before he was seen by neighbors try-ing to recover a bucket, which had fallen in, and it is supposed he lost his balance. He leaves a wife and six small children.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIS CARR.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., March 29.—News has been received here of the death in a hospital in Washington of Mrs. Carr, widow of Ex-Governor Elias Carr, which occurred this afternoon. Her son, Elias Carr, Secretary in the State Department of Agriculture, was sum-moned to Washington on account of her critical illness yesterday. Mrs. Carr was seventy-two years old, a native of Warren county, daughter of the late William K. Kearney. She is survived by Elias Carr, of Raleigh; William K. Carr, of Washington; Mrs. D. B. Sterrett, of Washington; Mrs. H. L. Matthews, of Philadelphia. The bur-ial will be carried to Brace Bridge Hall, Edgecombe county, for interment beside the remains of her distinguish-ed husband.

"GET TOGETHER"—CROKER.

Unity of Democrats Held Necessary to Defeat President Taft.

New York, March 29.—"Get togeth-er" is Richard Croker's advice to national Democratic leaders in a statement on the political situation given out here following his arrival from Palm Beach, where he spent the winter. He will sail for Europe next week. His state-ment says in part:

"The Democratic outlook depends very much on whether the leaders adopt a harmonious policy. The future is full of uncertainty when we are working against one another, to the harm of the party. We can never tell what these factions may do, no matter how fair the prospect may seem for suc-

FRATERNITY MEN IN SESSION.

Biennial Convention of Gamma Pro-vince, S. A. E.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., March 29.—The biennial convention of the Gamma province, Sigma Alpha Epsilon frater-nity began here this afternoon at the Hotel Carroll, with members at-tending from the University of Vir-ginia, George Washington University, Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute, North Carolina University, South Carolina University, Davidson College, and the Washington Alumn-i Association, the delegation being com-posed of thirty men. Among the visitors is General N. V. Brandon of Alabama, the supreme head of the fraternity.

To-night the visitors were tendered a reception at the Piedmont Club, and to-morrow afternoon the fraternity girls of the Randolph-Macon Women's College will tender a reception at the college. A banquet at night at the hotel will close the convention.

ELEGANT DINNER TO ASSOCIATES

Mr. Geo. W. Bahlke, Super-intendent of Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., Entertains at the Maison Francaise.

After Elegant Repast, Wit and Wisdom Flow Unrestrained.

When the fifty or more guests who were entertained last night by Mr. George W. Bahlke, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, entered the spacious main dining-room of the popular Maison Francaise they were spellbound by the artistic decorations, the floral display harmonizing com-pletely with the dignity of the rich appointments, an effect which requires the cunning art of a master hand.

Promptly at the hour appointed the guests were seated, and the pleasant memory of the occasion will linger for years to come.

The following menu was served in the dignified, easy and attentive man-ner which impressed every one pre-sent to tempt the most fastidious palate: Oyster Cocktail, Celery en Branche, Olives, Pickles, Chicken Creole, with Fresh Okra, Modallion of Salmon, Cherry, Potatoes Croquette, Calves Sweetbread Pattie, Toulouse, Aspara-gus Tips, Hollandaise; Virginia Young Turkey, Oyster Dressing; Cranberry Sauce, Alberta Salad, Neapolitan Ice Cream, Assorted Cakes, Rognon Cheese, Bent Crackers, Fruit en Sea-son, Demi Tasse.

After the Demi Tasse, the fragrant Havana lent a soothing charm to the interesting, witty and appropriate speeches, and when the hour came for dispersing all present agreed that it was the most enjoyable occasion of their lives.

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